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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECT MEN

And other Town Officers of

Plainfield, N. H.

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.

LEBANON, N. H.

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State of New Hampshire.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, at Plainfield Plain, on the Second Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2d. To choose a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, and all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Article 3d. To bring in your votes for Governor, Railroad Commissioner, Councilor, Senator, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer and County Commissioner.

Article 4th. To choose a Representative to represent said town in the General Court, to be held at Concord, on the first Wednesday of June next.

Article 5th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay Bonds, Interest on Bonds and Notes, and to defray town expenses for the year ensuing.

Article 6th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repair of Highways and Bridges.

Article 7th. To see if the town will vote to dispense with the Liquor Agent for the year ensuing.

Article 8th. To see if the town will vote to choose by ballot, a man to drive the Hearse and take care of the same one year.

Article 9th. To see if the town will vote to choose a Collector of Taxes by ballot.

Article 10. Is it expedient that a Convention be called to revise the Constitution.

Given under our hands and seals, this twenty-sixth day of February, in the year Eighteen Hundred Seventy-Six.

FRED MOULTON, } Selectmen
WILLIS K. DANIELS, } of
GEORGE J. FRENCH, } Plainfield.

REPORTS

OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR

ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.

Selectmen's Report.

Resident valuation,	\$539,976 00
Non-resident do.,	31,009 00
 Total,	\$570,985 00
Reduced valuation,	2,854 92
Tax on \$100,	1 94
State tax,	\$ 1,716 00
County tax,	1,837 73
School tax,	1,501 50
Town tax,	5,500 00
Percentage,	521 89
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School-house tax, No. 7,	\$11,077 12
Dog tax,	40 00
Non-resident highway tax,	80 00
Taxes on Collector's book, including State, County, School, Town tax and percentage,	78 13
School-house tax, No. 7,	11,077 22
Non-resident highway tax,	40 00
Dog tax,	78 13
Non-resident highway tax worked out,	80 00
Invoice Real Estate, April 1, 1875,	75 35
" " " September, 1875,	\$412,520
" " " September, 1875,	425,175

LIABILITIES OF TOWN MARCH 1, 1876.

Amount of Bonds outstanding,	\$38,100 00
Interest on same,	380 00
Amount due the several School Districts,	206 87
Due Orra C. Pierce, Collector 1874,	45 00
Stephen D. Stone, Collector 1875,	100 00
Fred Moulton, 1st Selectman,	122 50
Willis K. Daniels, 2d Selectman,	103 00
George J. French, 3d " "	86 25
Charles F. Gallup, Treasurer,	52 25
Josiah Davis, S. S. Committee, and books furnished,	45 90
On Order No. 87, 1874, not presented,	3 83
 Total amount of Liabilities,	 \$39,245 60

ASSETS.

Due on W. H. H. Eaton's five notes,	\$251 25
" C. S. Worthen's note,	15 19
Due from C. W. Manchester, auction bill,	43 30
" Elias Farnum on Wyman Stone note,	118 88
" " " same received of Geo. M. Smith,	26 23
" Land Rent,	152 73
" County,	14 48
" School District No. 7,	36
" Samuel Davis, Collector 1871,	20 60
" William H. Pierce, Collector 1871,	37 50
" Orra C. Pierce, Collector 1873,	88 22
" " " 1874,	780 91
" S. D. Stone, Collector 1874,	4 58
" " " 1875,	721 72
" " " School-house tax, No. 7,	8 35
" " " Non-resident highway tax,	2 78
Due on State Bonds, and interest on same,	6,161 00
Cash in Treasury,	1,442 21
 Total amount of Assets,	\$9,890 29
Total liabilities brought forward,	39,245 60
Total assets brought forward,	9,890 29
 Balance against town,	\$29,355 31
Balance reported March 1st, 1875,	31,709 93
" " " 1876,	29,355 31
 Reduction of debts of town,	\$2,354 62
Taxes abated, S. D. Stone, Collector 1874,	42 61
" " " 1875,	58 96

Reported as Assets March 1, 1875, \$101 57

The assets reported March 1, 1875, due from Mehitable Eaton, was secured upon Real Estate which was sold January 31st, 1876, for \$300 00. Amount of Claim, \$356 39, being a loss to town of \$56 39.

FRED MOULTON, } Selectmen
W. K. DANIELS, } of
GEO. J. FRENCH, } Plainfield.

Pauper Report.

FRED MOULTON AND W. K. DANIELS,
To town of Plainfield, Dr.

To money drawn by orders for support of paupers, \$1,760 55
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By cash paid for support of County Paupers.

" Elizabeth Wilmot,	\$89 35
" Betsey Packard,	86 25
" Elizabeth Harrington,	57 49
" Dillis Strong,	3 00
" Benjamin C. Stone,	7 75

By cash Ira Kimball,	\$24 00
" Charles Picknell,	29 00
" Mrs. James Stone,	45 50
" Andrews Tolbert,	7 00
" Mehitable Eaton,	45 00
" Chas. D. Banks' family,	56 83
" Caleb Sweet,	71 03
" Lydia Sweet,	56 38
" Daniel Sweet,	67 11
" Polly Chamberlain,	59 00
" Mercer Jordan,	121 25
" Dennis Alexander,	30 23
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	\$856 17

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid support Lorenzo Duncklee, Doctor's bill 1874,	\$9 62
Jesse Carter, including burial	50 00
George Smith, since Jan. 4, 1875,	60 00
Lydia Fifield, \$32 10 due Mar. 1, '75,	112 50
Wyman Stone, including Doctor's bill and burial,	162 13
Danforth Vinton,	28 00
Mehitable Eaton,	6 75
Abel Spaulding,	22 02
Asenith Bell,	37 00
Caleb Sweet,	50 39
Polly Chamberlain,	33 65
Flora Hadley, including Doctor's bill and burial,	59 17
Eliza Jordan,	182 42
Anna Jordan,	61 47
Darwin Jordan,	29 26
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	\$904 38
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Paid for Town Paupers,	\$904 38
for County Paupers, not allowed by County,	4 58
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	\$908 96

Less amount due for Lydia Fifield, re-
ported March 1, 1875; 32 10

Total cost of Town Paupers, this year, \$876 86

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1875,	\$1,265 50
Rec'd of S. D. Stone, Collector, 1872,	1 12
George Austin, land rent,	5 00
Dimick Baker,	6 90
S. D. Stone, non-resident highway tax 1874,	6 50
" " Collector 1873,	5 32
" " interest on taxes 1874,	6 55
on State Bond Coupons,	366 00

Rec'd of John Gilkey, land rent,	\$ 8 00
Savings Bank tax,	803 47
Railroad tax,	33 86
Literary Fund,	115 24
from County, September term, 1875,	363 13
W. K. Daniels for wood and stove sold,	21 37
for Town Bonds sold,	1,700 00
State Bonds sold,	5,067 50
from John A. Brocklebank, land rent,	2 50
Lawson Newton, land rent,	20 00
C. S. Worthen on note,	35 00
Ethan Walker, auction bill,	7 42
John T. Duncan, land rent,	2 55
O. C. Pierce, Collector 1873,	75 00
" " " 1874,	610 12
S. D. Stone, Collector 1874,	448 27
County, January term, 1876,	478 89
S. D. Stone, Collector 1875,	10,296 34
" " " School-house tax,	
No. 7, 1875,	31 65
Total received,	\$21,783 20

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD,

To Charles F. Gallup, Dr.

Paid orders of Selectmen as follows:

No.	1.	Geo. J. French, services as Selectman, 1874,	\$76 50
"	2.	W. K. Daniels, " " " "	93 75
"	3.	W. A. Norris, services as Town Clerk, "	53 00
"	4.	Joseph D. Smith, principal and interest on note,	951 63
"	5.	Wm. M. Kendall, Jr., printing Town Reports,	30 00
"	6.	Josiah Davis, services as S. S. Committee, 1874,	44 74
"	7.	Fred Moulton, services as Selectman, 1874,	110 00
"	8.	Fred Moulton, support of paupers,	100 00
"	9.	W. K. Daniels, " " "	100 00
"	10.	John Lovrien, driving hearse,	4 00
"	11.	Chas. F. Gallup, services as Treasurer, 1874,	52 25
"	12.	S. D. Stone, services as Collector, 1874,	50 00
"	13.	W. L. Martin, breaking road, spring 1875,	12 00
"	14.	E. R. Spaulding, labor and lumber on highway,	11 85
"	15.	Geo. W. French, breaking roads 1874-5,	3 00
"	16.	Wm. C. True, services as Auditor 1874-5,	5 00
"	17.	David A. Morgan, lumber on highway,	1 20
"	18.	C. M. Palmer, support of school No. 9,	34 50
"	19.	A. J. Chellis, services as Auditor 1874,	4 00
"	20.	John H. Moore, support of school No. 12,	11 87
"	21.	Fred Moulton, Invoice, Highway, Books and Stationery,	7 65
"	22.	J. W. Peterson, breaking roads 1874-5,	21 74
"	23.	W. K. Daniels, support of paupers,	50 00
"	24.	Geo. W. French, support of school No. 6,	21 60
"	25.	W. K. Daniels, support of paupers,	50 00
"	26.	Fred Moulton, " " " "	100 00
"	27.	Asa A. Walker, support of school No. 14,	21 00
"	28.	Stephen Hersey, labor on highway, 1874,	4 00

No.	29.	Elias French, principle and interest on note,	\$ 50 63
"	30.	Henry E. Bean, " " "	293 01
"	31.	George Bryant, " " "	504 00
"	32.	M. D. Rowell, " " "	735 70
"	33.	Judith Eastman, " " "	361 46
"	34.	Abraham Spencer, " " "	1,720 92
"	35.	Thomas Reynolds, " " "	1,569 22
"	36.	John Gilkey, " " "	496 30
"	37.	Jacob Read, " " "	223 94
"	38.	Fred Moulton, support of paupers,	100 00
"	39.	C. M. Palmer, support of school No. 9,	75 00
"	40.	John H. Moore, " " 12,	22 50
"	41.	O. V. Eastman, " " 8,	60 00
"	42.	John F. C. Colby, " " 10,	59 50
"	43.	Lewis S. Jordan, " " 2,	36 40
"	44.	W. K. Daniels, support of paupers,	150 00
"	45.	W. K. Daniels, " " "	45 00
"	46.	Orra C. Pierce, support of school No. 3,	48 90
"	47.	W. K. Daniels, support of paupers,	50 00
"	48.	Hubert Sleeper, return of births and deaths,	3 50
"	49.	George J. French, labor on mountain road,	8 00
"	50.	Fred Moulton, support of paupers,	200 00
"	51.	Joshua Allard, building bridge,	20 00
"	52.	Willard Hayward, building two bridges,	25 00
"	53.	Joseph S. Stickney, damage to horse and carriage, defect in highway,	5 00
"	54.	C. C. Beckley, return of births and deaths,	4 50
"	55.	Aquilla Spaulding, building two new bridges, plank, timber and labor on highway, District No. 7,	166 95
"	56.	C. M. Palmer, support of school No. 9,	36 00
"	57.	Geo. W. French, " " " 6,	30 00
"	58.	Byron Sanborn, lumber on highway,	3 83
"	59.	Willard Heyward, watering trough,	1 00
"	60.	John F. C. Colby, support of school No. 10,	34 22
"	61.	Willis K. Daniels, support of paupers,	50 00
"	62.	E. G. Newton, support of school No. 16,	55 75
"	63.	Jabez Porter, pass over land,	5 00
"	64.	John Lovrien, labor and lumber on highway,	16 89
"	65.	C. J. Bean, lumber for highway,	15 63
"	66.	Asa A. Walker, support of school No. 14,	35 00
"	67.	B. F. Manchester, " " " 15,	45 00
"	68.	Geo. T. Avery, lumber on highway,	6 62
"	69.	Darwin F. Jordan, lumber and labor, 1874,	9 42
"	70.	Geo. J. French, " " "	31 11
"	71.	N. M. True, lumber on highway,	13 94
"	72.	Geo. J. French, school-house tax No. 7,	40 00
"	73.	Lemuel Morse, labor and lumber on highway,	12 91
"	74.	Geo. C. Freeman, " " " "	4 07
"	75.	Sidney Sanborn, " " " "	19 18
"	76.	Frank Baker, lumber on highway,	7 25
"	77.	A. B. Chellis, " " "	5 65
"	78.	W. K. Daniels, support of paupers,	150 00
"	79.	Wm. F. Ladieu, pass over land,	5 00
"	80.	Sumner T. Pierce, lumber on highway,	17 27
"	81.	Benjamin Potter, support of school No. 7,	68 51

" 82.	B. F. McCollester,	" " " 13,	\$31 50
" 83.	I. H. Hurd, labor, stone and lumber on highway, 1874,	8 00	
" 84.	C. M. Palmer, support of school No. 9,	171 06	
" 85.	A. V. Eastman, " " 8,	111 25	
" 86.	John H. Moore, " " 12,	37 55	
" 87.	Benjamin Cole, " " 11,	96 36	
" 88.	March Chase, principal and interest on note,	54 94	
" 89.	B. F. Lewin, " " " "	143 60	
" 90.	Giles Hastings, support of school No. 4,	105 00	
" 91.	John M. Peterson, " " 1,	62 00	
" 92.	Z. B. Small, " " 5,	52 93	
" 93.	Benjamin Porter, " " 7,	44 36	
" 94.	John M. Peterson, " " 1,	23 00	
" 95.	Z. B. Small, " " 5,	45 00	
" 96.	Harvey I. Read, overtax,	7 76	
" 97.	Wm. H. Pierce, pass over land (not paid),	3 00	
" 98.	Lewis S. Jordan, labor, lumber and stone on highway,	49 94	
" 99.	Lewis S. Jordan, support of school No. 2,	64 40	
" 100.	W. O. Kenyon, lumber on highway,	62	
" 101.	Orra C. Pierce, support of school No. 3,	56 00	
" 102.	John M. Cole, breaking roads, 1874-75,	20 00	
" 103.	Giles Hastings, support of school No. 4,	110 00	
" 104.	R. H. Penniman, timber and plank for highway, 1874,	13 70	
" 105.	Erastus F. Lewin, pass over land,	3 00	
" 106.	Reuben Moore, labor on highway, 1874,	2 30	
" 107.	Norman L. Corey, overtax,	2 91	
" 108.	W. K. Daniels, support of paupers,	200 00	
" 109.	Fred Moulton, " " "	350 00	
" 110.	Chas. F. Gallup, State tax,	1,716 00	
" 111.	" " " County tax,	1,837 73	
" 112.	Asa A. Walker, plank and timber for bridge,	11 62	
" 113.	O. C. Pierce, watering trough and labor on highway,	9 12	
" 114.	David Dean, labor on highway,	7 28	
" 115.	Ezekiel Stone, watering trough,	3 00	
" 116.	C. B. Dean, breaking road and labor on road,	4 50	
" 117.	Wm. Spencer, overtax, exemption,	9 70	
" 118.	N. M. Wheeler, plank and labor on road,	2 75	
" 119.	C. J. Bean, plank and stone on highway,	2 75	
" 120.	W. K. Daniels, transient paupers, expense running town line and postage,	6 18	
" 121.	John Lovrien, driving hearse and repairing the same,	29 15	
" 122.	Appiah Davis, principal and interest on note,	116 69	
" 123.	S. D. Stone, taking depositions in pauper cases under new law and making deeds,	8 00	
" 124.	Chas. H. Strong, watering trough,	3 00	
" 125.	Ethan Walker, breaking roads, 1874-75,	7 42	
" 126.	John T. Duncan, tax on B. F. McCollister farm, owned by K. U. A.,	17 46	
" 127.	C. A. Cross, timber, plank and labor on highway,	32 07	
" 128.	Fred Moulton, counsel, transient paupers, paid surveys and postage,	9 06	

" 129. Lewis Cogswell, principal and interest on note,	392 45
" 130. Fred Moulton, support of paupers,	65 55
" 131. Converse Cole, wood and lights, and use of Hall,	12 25
" 132. Nathan Andrews, lumber and timber for highway,	2 12
" 133. Walter A. Norris, services as Town Clerk, 1875,	53 00
Bonds paid drawn July 1, 1875,	1,900 00
Paid on Town Bond Coupons,	2,427 00

Paid Orders given by Selectmen, 1874.

No. 31, Oren Johnson, pass over land,	5 00
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Total amount Orders, Bonds and Coupons paid,	\$20,340 99
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Total amount of receipts brought forward,	\$21,783 20
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Total amount Orders, Bonds and Coupons paid,	\$20,340 99
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Balance in Treasury,	\$1,442 21
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CHARLES F. GALLUP, Treasurer.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouch'd.

WM. C. TRUE, { Auditors.
A. J. CHELLIS, }

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District.	Division, 1875.	Unpaid, 1874.	Overdrawn, 1874.	Total.	Paid, 1875.	Overdrawn, 1875.	Due March 1, 1876.
1	\$ 87.96	\$.03	\$	\$ 87.99	\$ 85.00	\$	\$ 2.99
2	96.27	4.56		100.83	100.80		.03
3	106.00		70	105.90	104.90		.40
4	188.34	33.31		221.65	215.00		6.65
5	97.31	62		97.93	97.93		
6	57.46		3.32	54.14	51.60		2.54
7	110.50	2.01		112.51	112.87	36	
8	148.77	49.08		197.85	171.25		26.60
9	316.56			316.56	316.56		
10	124.62	59.38		184.00	93.72		90.28
11	96.36			96.36	96.36		
12	71.37	5.21		76.58	71.92		4.76
13	39.73			39.73	31.50		8.23
14	67.53	23.27		90.80	56.00		34.80
15	68.69		2.18	66.51	45.00		21.51
16	61.87	1.96		63.83	55.75		8.08
				36			\$206.87

DOG REPORT.

Paid in Treasury, 1875,	\$49
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Amount of Orders given by Selectmen.

No. 1. Edwin D. Frost,	\$1 00
" 2. Albert K. Read,	4 00
" 3. Willis Jordan,	1 50
" 4. Samuel Bean,	8 00
" 5. Almon W. French,	2 00
" 6. William C. True,	4 00
" 7. James L. Stickney,	2 00
" 8. Andrew J. Chellis,	4 50
	\$27 00

Balance for Dogs,	\$22 00
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W. K. DANIELS, Selectman.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Plainfield your Committee presents the following Report:

DISTRICT No. 1.

John W. Peterson, Committee. Length of schools, 16 weeks. Two terms. Summer Term of 10 weeks, commencing May 3, ending July 9, was taught by Nellie M. Freeman. Number scholars 11; average attendance 9. This was Miss Freeman's first attempt as teacher and proved herself a successful one by the management of her school. The scholars showed good improvement, and the exercises at the closing examination merited praise. Fall Term of 6 weeks, commencing September 6, ending October 15, was profitably kept by Eliza L. Whitekar, a former teacher. Number scholars 8; average attendance 7. Wages of teachers per month, including board, \$20.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Lewis S. Jordan, Committee. Two terms school, of 12 weeks each. Summer Term commencing May 10, ending July 30. Number scholars 10; average attendance 8. Winter Term commencing November 29, ending February 18. Number scholars 11; average attendance 10. Both terms were taught by Effie R. Beal, a teacher of some experience, who labored for a successful school and proved herself faithful to the end. On my last visit there seemed to be a desire on the part of the scholars to show how much they had learned, giving evidence of their time being well spent. Wages of teacher per month, Summer Term, \$12; Winter Term, \$20.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

O. C. Pierce, Committee. Length of school 21 weeks. Two terms. Summer Term of 12 weeks, commencing May 10, ending July 30. Number scholars 16; average attendance 11. Was under the charge of Miss A. A. Conant, of Hartland, Vt. I cannot report as favorably of the school as I would wish; there seemed to lack that interest on the part of the scholars which they have hitherto shown. Miss Conant was evidently well qualified to teach, but lacked the ability to incite the scholars to apply their time and minds to their studies. The scholars of course took advantage of her indulgence. Wages of teacher per month, \$12.

The Winter Term of 9 weeks, commencing December 7, ending January 28, was kept by Samuel P. Wood, of Lebanon. Number

scholars 16; average attendance 14. Mr. Wood was a wide-awake, practical teacher. The larger scholars showed good progress in the studies pursued. I was sorry to find quite a number of the scholars absent on my last visit. No school can show its true standing and improvement without being represented by all its members. A little more tidiness about the school-room would have given a more favorable impression of the school. Wages of teacher per month, \$25.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Giles Hastings, Committee. Two terms of school of 12 weeks each. Summer Term, commencing May 10, ending July 30. Number scholars 28; average attendance 25. Winter Term commencing November 29, ending February 18. Number scholars 40; average attendance 36. Both terms were taught by Mary L. Chellis, who is widely known as an efficient teacher, correct and thorough in her instructions, winning the affections of her pupils by her affable manners, thereby securing good order and interest in her school. The closing examination of both terms gave satisfactory evidence of successful schools. In scholarship this school ranks No. 1. Wages per month, \$34.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Benjamin Small, Committee. Two terms of school, 17 weeks. Summer Term of 8 weeks, commencing May 18, ending July 9. Number scholars 12; average attendance 10. Winter Term of 9 weeks, commencing November 1, ending December 31. Number scholars 18; average attendance 14. Addie J. Hersey, teacher, who labored for the interests of the district. The summer term especially was successful. A quiet, orderly school; no whispering was observed, and the closing examination was very creditable to teacher and scholars. The Winter term was not quite as satisfactory, scholars taking too much liberty. With one or two exceptions the scholars are very backward, other things occupying their minds more than their book. Who is responsible for this? Certainly not the teacher. I found on visiting the school the first of the term a great deficiency in books. Sending children to school without proper books is like sending a man to the woods to chop without an axe; just as reasonable in the one case as the other. I noticed one lad of 15 attending school a week or more with no books save a *testament* and *slate*. What an idea! Why, parents! the money paid for school books is *not* thrown away; it *will* return to you again with a large per cent. Parents, you have a work to do in this district; no teacher can do it for you. Do your duty, your *whole* duty and your children and teachers "will rise up and call you blessed." Wages of teachers per month, including board, Summer Term, \$19, Winter Term, \$20.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

George French, Committee. Length of school 18 weeks. The Summer Term, commencing May 10, ending July 17, was taught by Jennie E. Wheeler. Number scholars 13; average attendance 11. This was Miss Wheeler's first attempt, who seemed to possess many qualities of a successful teacher. Commendable advancement was shown.

The Fall Term of 8 weeks, commencing September 6, ending Oct. 29, was kept by Kate L. Read. Number scholars 16; average

attendance 9. This was also Miss Reed's first effort in teaching. On visiting the school good order and attention was observed, and from the good opinion I have of the teacher and from what I can learn believe satisfaction was given, not visiting the school but once. This district deserves notice for the management of their schools, giving them 6 weeks more schooling than last year. Continue in your good work. Most of your scholars are young, requiring all the schooling you possibly can have. Provide them with books, send them during the term and you will be amply paid. Wages of teachers per month, Summer Term, \$8, Winter Term, \$15.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Benjamin F. Porter, Committee. Length of schools 20 weeks. Summer Term, commencing May 10, ending July 17, Eliza L. Whitaker, teacher. Number scholars 20; average attendance 18. Miss Whitaker labored untiringly in this school, and merits the success, which attended her efforts. The Winter Term of 10 weeks was under the care of Ora C. Davis. Number scholars 22; average attendance 18. Mr. Davis still retains his reputation as a successful teacher, gaining the love and respect of his pupils and the confidence of all the citizens, his effort for a good school was crowned with success. Both terms closed with interesting examinations. I find the following remarks in the Register, made by Mr. Davis:

"Many thanks to the Committees, and also to the citizens of this district for the interest they have expressed and manifested in their school. Both parents and scholars have done all that could be desired to have a profitable school. I have had their earnest sympathy and wise counsel. The school has been both pleasant and profitable to me, and I hope and trust it has to the District." Wages of teachers per month, Summer Term, \$11, Winter Term, \$30.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Ozro V. Eastman, Committee. Two terms of 12 weeks each. Summer Term, commencing May 3, ending July 23, was taught by Mary A. Bean. Number scholars 13; average attendance 10. Miss Bean kept a quiet, orderly school, performing her duties to the acceptance of all interested. The Winter Term, commencing December 6, ending February 26, was under the care of your Committee. Number scholars 25; average attendance 20. The scholars were very punctual in attendance, studies and attentive in their studies, gaining credit for themselves and parents by their faithful labors. Wages of teachers per month, Summer Term, \$20, Winter Term, \$33 1-3.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Charles M. Palmer, Committee. 38 weeks schooling. Summer Term of 10 weeks, commencing May 3, ending July 10, was taught by Mary A. Freeman. Number of scholars 48; average attendance 30. Miss Freeman is favorably known as a successful teacher, and being acquainted with the scholars, worked diligently for their improvement. The large number of scholars and classes hindered the best results of this term, scholars not showing that advancement in their studies they otherwise would. Writing was a leading branch in school, creditable to teacher and scholars. The

closing examination was good, witnessed by a goodly number of the citizens. Wages per month, \$28.

A Fall Term, of 6 weeks, for the young scholars was kept by Lizzie S. Balch, commencing September 6, ending October 15. Number scholars 22; average attendance 20. Miss Balch is a quiet, gentle teacher; systematic in her school. Scholars made good improvement under her care. A little better order would have added greatly to the appearance of the school, some of the scholars taking too much liberty. Wages per month, \$24.

Winter Term, Higher Department, of 12 weeks, was taught by the same teacher of the Summer Term, commencing November 29, ending February 28. Number scholars 25; average attendance 18. This school was not as satisfactory to the district or myself as could be desired. There being some dissatisfaction before the school commenced, it continued through the term; some scholars left the school, while others were very irregular in attendance. Miss Freeman was faithful in her duties, conscientious in her labors, but failed in a great respect to get the good will of the scholars. The ferrule caused some trouble, its effects being detrimental rather than an advantage to this school. No teacher can accomplish much without the co-operation of the parents and scholars; the united efforts of all is what brings success. How easy it would have been to have had a profitable school if all had put their shoulders to the wheel and "boosted" the right way. What scholars attended the most regular improved in their studies. Less than one-half of the scholars were present at the closing examination. Wages per month, \$36.

The Primary Department, term of 10 weeks, was under the charge of Ida M. Cole. Number scholars 25; average attendance 18. Miss Cole was a novice in teaching, but succeeded in interesting her pupils and winning their affections. The teacher as well as the scholars made good improvement. The closing examination was commendable. Wages per month, \$20.50.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

John C. F. Colby, Committee. Kate Colby having taught here before was employed for the Summer Term of 11 weeks, commencing May 10, ending July 30. Number scholars 4. The Fall Term of 8 weeks, commencing September 6, ending October 29. Number scholars 3. Rosie Dyer, of Lebanon, teacher. This school lacked interest and was not quite satisfactory. Wages per month, Summer Term, \$20, Fall Term, \$17.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Benjamin Cole, Committee. One term of school, of 16 weeks, Commencing November 15, ending March 3. Number scholars 5. Charles G. Ward, of North Charlestown, teacher. The scholars made good improvement, showing their time had been well employed. Wages per month, \$30.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

John Moore, Committee. Length of schools 21 weeks. This district has been very fortunate in the selection of teachers for the past year. The Summer term of 9 weeks commencing May 17, ending July 17, and was taught by Emma A. Eaton. Number scholars 15; average attendance 13. The closing examination gave

evidence that she labored with a good degree of success. The Winter term of 12 weeks, commencing Nov. 29, ending Feb. 19, was kept by Mary R. Tyler, of Cornish. Number scholars 25; average attendance 19. Miss Tyler spared no pains or labor for the advancement of her pupils, and her efforts were eminently successful, possessing the qualities which fit her for a teacher. Wages per month, Summer Term, \$18, Winter Term, \$22.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Benj. F. McColister, Committee. 18 weeks schooling. Summer term of 6 weeks, was taught by Carrie L. Lowe, of Lebanon. Number scholars 13; average attendance 11. Miss Lowe was an active, faithful teacher, and her labors were appreciated by her pupils and the district generally. Wages per month, \$16. The Winter term of 12 weeks commencing Nov. 22, ending Feb. 11, was taught by Florence L. Jackman, of Enfield, who is a thorough scholar, earnest and enthusiastic in her work, being quite familiar with the most approved methods of teaching. The changing of the location of the school during the term embarrassed the best results of the school, as a few of the scholars were unable to attend after the change. The closing examination was interesting, and complimented by those present. Number scholars 15; average attendance 12. Wages, \$24.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Asa Walker, Committee. 16 weeks school. Summer Term of 6 weeks, commencing May 17, ending June 29. Number scholars 9; average attendance 7; was taught by Hannah A. Martin, whose superior qualifications as a scholar combined with the aptness to teach, seemed to inspire the scholars with new life. Seldom do we see teacher and scholars thoroughly united in their work. The closing examination showed thorough teaching, and good attention to study.

The Fall Term of 10 weeks, commencing September 13, ending November 19. Number scholars 19; average 13; was placed under the charge of Jennie E. Wheeler. With more experience Miss Wheeler would have succeeded better in many respects, yet her courage and perseverance demand a favorable report. The school appeared well on my visits; good order, and attention to studies was noticed. Wages, Summer Term, \$18, Fall Term, \$14.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Benj. F. Manchester, Committee. One term of 12 weeks, commencing September 13, ending December 3. Number scholars 6. Mary A. Bean, teacher. The scholars were very regular in attendance. Classes made good improvement. The reputation of the teacher is so well known further remarks of the school are unnecessary. Wages per month, \$12.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Elbridge G. Newton, Committee. One term of 11 weeks' schooling, commencing August 23, ending November 6. Number scholars 5. The old school-house is an index of the interest taken in this district by those having children to send. Each one thinking they are awfully abused by some one, or somebody, the price of board is too high, or somebody else ought to have it; teachers

are too severe, or not severe enough, &c., &c. Mary A. Daniels was engaged as teacher and did all that anyone could do, ever ready to instruct, requiring good order and maintaining her fidelity to the close of the school. Wages per month, \$19.

This district should unite their interests with No. 15, both hardly having scholars enough for one school. The same is true in other portions of the town. Nos. 10 and 11 have not enough for a school with profit. We understand that a union of smaller districts will involve some difficulties, but we are sure that these will be less than those which now hinder the best success of the schools.

The foregoing is a careful and candid statement of the condition and progress of the several schools as they appeared to your Committee at the various visits made by him. It is gratifying to be able to report of our schools an improvement from last year. With few exceptions they have been under the instruction of teachers who realized the responsibility resting upon them, as those who are aiding to form the character of youth. There has been a desire on the part of the scholars, generally, to advance the standard of their schools. Parents and citizens have done much in helping them on by their presence in the school-room and encouraging words given. The different studies, embracing all that is in common schools, in their various grades, have been carefully taught. Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography and History, also Algebra, Drawing, Book-keeping and Philosophy. Many of the districts have contributed to their schools by boarding their teachers. Districts No. 2, 3, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. How many of the districts will furnish a Dictionary for the use of their school the coming year? Who will be first? One word in regard to the "Roll of Honor." I find over 100 names on the Registers who have attended a whole term of school without an absent or tardy mark. Quite a number were absent for no other cause than sickness. Last year forty-two names were enrolled, giving us over two hundred per cent. in favor of this year. Fellow citizens, is not this encouraging? Shall we stop here? Our schools are still far, very far, from what they should be. Let us, my friends, be true to that *trust* our forefathers devised for us, *the system of our common schools*. Let us be earnest in our efforts to preserve and perfect this trust.

Your Committee in presenting his report would gratefully acknowledge the kindness and respect shown him by teachers, scholars and citizens generally. Hoping his services have not been an entire failure this report is respectfully submitted.

JOSIAH DAVIS, Superintending School Committee.

